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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY AID TO EGYPT: -

FOR SECRETARY FROM ROBINSON

PLEASE PASS SAUNDERS WITH SECRETARY'S PARTY

1. YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GERMANY, FRANCE AND UNITED KINGDOM AT HELSINKI MAY AFFORD OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND THEM OF THE IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY ACTION IN MAKING THEIR PLEDGES OF EMERGENCY NON-PROJECT AID TO EGYPT. GENSCHER'S REFERRAL OF MATTER TO EC HAS ENSNARLED IN EC COMMITTEE MEETINGS WHAT SHOULD BE RELATIVELY SIMPLE BILATERAL AID DECISIONS BY THESE THREE GOVERNMENTS PLUS NETHERLANDS. ALL INFORMATION ON WHICH DECISION NEED BE BASED HAS BEEN IN THEIR HANDS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, AND BASIC PROPOSITION HAS BEEN BEFORE THEM OVER TWO MONTHS.

2. TALKING POINTS:

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-- URGENCY OF EGYPT'S NEED WAS EXPLAINED FROM OUTSET OF OUR DISCUSSIONS. ARAB COUNTRIES AND U.S. RECOGNIZED THIS AND RESPONDED PROMPTLY. EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND JAPAN HAVE MADE POSITIVE STATEMENTS BUT NO COMMITMENTS.

-- WE EXPECT PRIME MINISTER MIKI CONVEY JAPAN'S DECISION DURING VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. WE CONTINUE TO HOPE JAPAN WILL ANNOUNCE SOON THEREAFTER COMMITMENT OF FULL \$100 MILLION OF ADDITIONAL AID, BUT THERE IS POSSIBILITY PART OF JAPANESE AID WILL NOT BE NEW MONEY.

-- INEVITABLY, SOME TIED AID FROM ANY SOURCE WILL NOT BE USABLE DURING REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR.

-- FOR THE TWO FOREGOING REASONS, SOMEWHAT MORE THAN \$150 MILLION SHOULD BE PLEDGED BY EUROPEANS AND MADE AVAILABLE PROMPTLY. THEREFORE, GERMANY SHOULD PROCEED NOW WITH FULL \$100 MILLION OF ADDITIONAL AID WE PROPOSED, FRANCE WITH \$50 MILLION, UK WITH \$15-20 MILLION, WITHOUT WAITING TO DETERMINE SMALLER AMOUNTS TO BE CONTRIBUTED BY OTHER EC COUNTRIES. THESE SMALLER CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD NOT REDUCE AMOUNTS FROM GERMANY AND FRANCE. INGERSOLL

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